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“The Berkeley Health Sciences Initiative”

Prof. Edward E. Penhoet, UCB

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No Abstract

Biographical data and research interests:

Edward E. Penhoet is Dean of the School of Public Health and Professor of Public Health and of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Penhoet is also a director and co-founder of Chiron Corporation, one of the world's leading biotechnology companies. Dr. Penhoet served as Chiron's President and Chief Executive Officer from the time he co-founded the company in 1981 until April 30, 1998.

Dr. Penhoet earned his A.B. in biology from Stanford University in 1963 and his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Washington in 1968. He was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, San Diego, from 1968 to 1970.

For 10 years prior to founding Chiron, Dr. Penhoet was a faculty member of the Biochemistry Department of the University of California, Berkeley. While at Chiron, he continued as an adjunct member of the faculty, teaching a variety of courses. In May 1991, Dr. Penhoet received the first Distinguished Faculty Award in the Life Sciences from the department of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1992, Dr. Penhoet shared with Dr. William J. Rutter, a Chiron co-founder, the Northern California Entrepreneur of the Year Award presented by Ernst & Young and Inc. Magazine; in 1994, Penhoet and Rutter received jointly the Harvard Business School Northern California Alumni Chapter award as Entrepreneur of the Year.

Dr. Penhoet is immediate past Chairman of the California Health Care Institute, Chairman of the Chabot Space & Science Center, and of the Bay Area BioScience Center. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Bay Area Council, the Oakland Museum Foundation, the UC System Biotech Advisory Committee, Onyx Pharmaceuticals, the UC Berkeley Chancellor's Biotechnology Planning Board and the Advisory board for the Lester Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at UC Berkeley. He is a member of the American Society of Biological Chemists, and has published more than 50 scientific articles and papers.

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